

## SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

It would appear the outstanding Second Division match this weekend will be played at Charlestown when Pan Hellenic meets Jesmond.

Pan Hellenic has one of unexpected defeat last weekend whilst Jesmond had a good victory over Kearsley.

Pan Hellenic has one of the more difficult draws for the remainder of the competition and a win is needed to keep the semi-final berth open.

Jesmond is a difficult team at present to predict and for that reason I am going for a win to Pan Hellenic.

Slavia United will be hosts to Dudley-Redhead and this is a match wherein we should see some good football with Dudley-Redhead possibly having an edge on their opponents.

Young Wallsend will be travelling to Weston and the result of this match could depend a good deal upon each individual player of the Young Wallsend team, for if each member is in condition, they could make things very interesting for

the Weston team, as during the season they have defeated teams above them on the premiership table only to be beaten by teams more lowly placed. Weston should win, but there could be an upset.

Belmont-Swansea meets Merewether and whilst Belmont-Swansea must be favoured to win as this is not a foregone conclusion as Merewether has improved since the first round, evidenced by the fact that Weston could only defeat them 2-0 last Saturday, so Belmont-Swansea cannot afford to become too complacent over this match.

In the remaining fixture, Kearsley meets Charlestown and despite six successive defeats, suffered by Kearsley, they should have a win on Sunday.

Looking at the Third Division Premiership, one can see an opportunity of staging an interesting competition as a sideline to the football. A competition to select the four semi-finalists and what good fortune would be needed to select

them correctly, as at present seven points separate seven teams with eight rounds remaining to be played.

On Saturday, Toronto Diggers will meet Teachers' College and this should add another two points to the tally of the Toronto Diggers.

Competition leaders, Hamilton Azzuri, will meet Stockton on Sunday and normally should have no difficulty in winning, but Azzuri have shown an aversion to the Stockton Oval, so it will be interesting to see how they handle it on this occasion.

South Wallsend journey to Tighes Hill to meet Newcastle Tech. and should have no difficulty winning this, maintaining their position of third on the premiership table.

Macquarie Wanderers will be home to Barnsley and this should be one of the most attractive fixtures of the weekend, as only two points separate the two teams. Wanderers have by far the better goal average, but the recent acquisition of

Tommy Coates and Jack Foster by the Barnsley team should have considerably improved the team and this was evidenced last Sunday when Barnsley forced a draw with the strong Bellbird team. That form, if repeated is sufficient to fully extend any team and Macquarie Wanderers will need to put their best foot forward for the whole ninety minutes. I will not attempt to forecast the winner, as this would appear to be a match where the run of the ball.

The remaining fixture is The Entrance v. Nelson Bay and for the last four or five games, it appears that the players for some unknown reason have lost that drive and enthusiasm manifested in the early part of the season.

Nelson Bay should win this match.

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#### NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL v. ADAMSTOWN

Referee: W. Jones. Linesmen: C. Jack, A. Roberts.

### JUST HOW WELL IS SYDNEY GAME RUN?

Northern Soccer might have a problem now and then about an unruly player or two or some out-of-line spectators but these worries are pin-pricks compared with what administrators in Sydney are facing.

Things have become so mad in the Big Smoke that the N.S.W. Soccer Federation had decided to send a

personal letter to all affiliated players asking them to improve their general behaviour and refrain from fighting on the field.

#### 'BUS TO CESSNOCK

A 'bus will leave Wallsend at 1.15 p.m. on Sunday for Cessnock.

Things have come to a pretty pass when an administration must admit, as in this case, that it has so little control over its players that it must spend money on postage stamps asking them to behave. One cannot imagine the Northern League going cap-in-hand to the players as the State Federation is apparently forced to do.

There can be no criticism of the Northern administration while such steps as this must be taken elsewhere.

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# NORTHERN SOCCER LEAGUE

## FIXTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

**FIRST DIVISION.**—Round 16: Saturday: Adamstown v. Cessnock. Sunday: Awaba v. Newcastle Austral; West Wallsend v. Lake Macquarie; Cardiff v. Maitland; Wallsend v. Mayfield United.

**ALLIANCE LEAGUE.**—Round 16: Matches as in First Division.

**SECOND DIVISION.**—Round 16: Slavia United v. Jesmond; Weston v. Pan Hellenic; Belmont-Swansea v. Dudley-Redhead; Kearsley v. Young Wallsend; Charlestown v. Merewether. Reserve grade: Matches as listed in top section.

**THIRD DIVISION.**—Round 17: Newcastle Tech. College v. Hamilton Azzuri; Bellbird v. Stockton; Macquarie Wanderers v. South Wallsend; The Entrance v. Barnsley; Nelson Bay v. Newcastle Teachers' College; Toronto Diggers, a bye.

## GILES ADDS TO LEAD IN GOAL SCORING RACE

Ron Giles, of Wallsend, has increased his lead in the race to be top goal-scorer in the Northern Soccer League First Division premiership.

He has scored 17 times this season and is now four in front of Ken Whitmore, his clubmate, Doug Field, of Awaba, and Ken Twidle, of Newcastle Austral.

The leading scorers are—  
17—R. Giles (Wallsend).  
13—K. Whitmore (Wallsend, K. Twidle (Newcastle Austral), D. Field (Awaba).  
12—R. Burgoyne (Awaba).  
11—Dulio Schio (Cardiff).  
10—T. Hinchcliffe (Lake Macquarie).  
9—A. Pajkovic (Lake Macquarie).  
8—D. Ahrens (West Wallsend), G. Pinches

(Awaba), A. Simmons (Adamstown).  
7—K. Irwin (West Wallsend), B. Sharp (Awaba).



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## PREMIERSHIP POSITION BECOMES INTENSE AS END DRAW NEAR

With only four series of matches to play before the numbers go up in the Northern Soccer League First Division premiership, the position becomes more interesting at both ends of the points score table.

Lake Macquarie, the leader since early in the season, seems almost home and hosed for the minor premiership with a four points lead and matches against teams which could not defeat it in the first round.

However, matches this weekend could cause some changes on the table since the top four teams play in two of them. Lake Macquarie will be on its own ground against Awaba, which is in third place, while Newcastle Austral, whose meteoric rise has carried it into second place, is to play Adamstown at Wallsend.

This draw will suit Wallsend, which is in fifth place on 16 points, two behind

Awaba and Adamstown. Wallsend goes to Cessnock and, if it can come home with two points, it could be in the semi-final picture again.

But, while the position can change as a result of this weekend's matches, nothing will be finally determined. The moment of decision in most matches might not come till the last kick in the last match.

Each of the five teams at the top of the table has a tough enough programme from here into the finish. Opponents each will meet after this weekend's matches are:—

**LAKE MACQUARIE** — West Wallsend (away), Cardiff (home), Wallsend (away).

**NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL** — Awaba (away), West Wallsend (home), Cardiff (away).

**AWABA** — Newcastle Austral (home), Adamstown (away), Cessnock (home).

**ADAMSTOWN** — Cessnock (home), Awaba (away), West Wallsend (away).

**WALLSEND** — Mayfield United (home), Maitland (away), Lake Macquarie (home).

matches in front of the five teams — so tough in fact that anything can happen—and probably will.

It would seem, at this stage, that Cardiff and West Wallsend have eased their worries about relegation, although neither is yet out of the wood. But their programmes suggest they can gain the points to keep them safe.

As matters stand now, it would seem that the issue of relegation is between Cessnock (seven points);

It is not only in the top division that matters are warming up for, in the lower grades, only Weston, in the Second Division, has a clear cut lead.

Adamstown and Awaba are having a great battle in the Alliance League, sharing top place with 21 points and with Adamstown having the better goal average. Wallsend on 20 is breathing down the necks of both teams and Lake Macquarie is up with them too.

Belmont-Swansea, on 25, heads Weston by two points in the Second Division reserve grade premiership, these two seeming to have the title race to themselves.

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Maitland (eight) and Mayfield United (nine), with Cessnock being in the worst position.

Here are the matches the three sides must play this weekend:—

**MAYFIELD UNITED**— Cardiff (home), Wallsend (away), Cessnock (away), Maitland (home).

**MAITLAND** — West Wallsend (home), Cardiff (away), Wallsend (home), Mayfield (away).

**CESSNOCK** — Wallsend (home), Adamstown (away), Mayfield United (home), Awaba (away).

One does not see any of the three winning many of their matches and, with every side in the premiership battling for much needed points, their tasks are difficult. The matches in which Mayfield United meets Cessnock at Cessnock and Maitland at Mayfield may do much to decide the issue for the three of them.

About the only thing certain is that the going will be mighty tough for every side in the premiership from here on, with those who follow the game reaping the benefit of hard, exciting play.

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# OTHER STATES SHOULD KNOW OF COUNTRY SUPPORT FOR LEAGUE

The Northern Soccer League would not harm its own cause if it forwarded a copy of the letter from our friends in Gunnedah, which appears on Page Seven of this issue.

The Gunnedah people obviously see in the Northern League hope of advancement but there is no such light for them if the New South Wales Federation takes over control of Soccer in all parts of the State.

And the Gunnedah enthusiasts know, as do we, that while the Northern League might not have set any football fields afire up to the present, these things must move slowly and that the Northern League has not forgotten them or the need to help in the advancement of the code in centres outside the cities.

But Gunnedah need not fear. The move to have the Northern Soccer League's autonomy withdrawn or curtailed flopped miserably at a meeting of the Australian Soccer Federation in Sydney last weekend.

The proposal was put forward but nothing more than that happened. The plan was squelched so comprehensively by far-seeing administrators that it is doubtful if those who put it forward will feel like repeating the effort.

We've said our piece about the absurdity of leaving control of the code in the hands of those in Sydney and there is no need

for repetition. But the fact that the move was squashed last weekend gives the Northern League the green light to go right ahead with its plans, for it is now assured of a permanent and settled place in the administration of the code in Australia. And that is how it should be.

## £575 NOT TOO MUCH

Some officials have told me that the £575 which the Northern Soccer League will receive as its share of the profit from the Everton tour is more than they had hoped for.

Maybe so, but I think the Australian Federation, knowing that the North is striving to help others besides itself, could have been a little more generous.

However, it seems that the £16,000 from the profit of £30,390 made on the tour which was cut up among the State Federations was divided on a ratio in proportion to gate receipts at matches in which Everton played, and so the North's share was £575. But it could have been remembered that the Australian Federation allocated the last match of the tour to Newcastle and set it down for a Wednesday. Had the national body given a weekend match to the North the gate takings

would have been considerably more — and the resultant hand-out much bigger.

That means that the North, which had no say in allocation or date, had to take what was handed to it when it could, with more sympathetic treatment, have qualified for a much bigger sum with which to carry on its good work.

After all, Tasmania and the A.C.T. received £750 between them because Everton did NOT play there. Surely, it would have been fairer to have given the North a little more because Everton DID play here.

## RUSSIANS IN 1965

The Federation has agreed that the only major tour next year will be that of a Russian team in February and March. The team, which will be that which wins the Russian championship, will play 10 matches in Australia — two more than did

Everton. The Northern League should ask NOW that the Russians be brought to the North at a weekend and that the North not again be fobbed off with a mid-week fixture.

It is no more than the North deserves and, given a weekend fixture, it would produce the gate receipts and attendance figures to justify its claim.

The Australian Federation will support a move at the conference of the Federation societies in Tokyo in October that there be some relaxation of F.I.F.A.'s rule that only a player born in the country can play for it in the World Cup in which Australia will compete in 1966.

This is an absurd rule which helps only the older established Soccer countries and hinders the new. Surely, if a man has a right to vote and pay income tax in a country he has a right to play for it. Agreed, it will be a great day when Australia fields a team of 11 local-born players but, meanwhile, a chance should be given to the younger countries to grow Soccer-wise.

—Paul MacKenzie

## ALLIANCE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
ADAMSTOWN	14	9	3	2	52	12	21
AWABA	14	9	3	2	36	14	21
WALLSEND	14	8	4	2	44	18	20
LAKE MACQ.	14	9	1	4	37	23	19
CARDIFF	14	6	4	4	28	20	16
CESSNOCK	14	6	2	6	18	24	14
MAYFIELD	14	4	2	8	23	39	10
WEST WALLSEND	14	4	2	8	23	39	10
N'CLE AUSTRAL	14	3	1	10	18	38	7
MAITLAND	14	1	1	12	15	77	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>140</b>

## NORTHERN LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

### HOME MATCHES

### AWAY MATCHES

### TOTALS

	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
LAKE MACQUARIE	5	1	1	15	6	11	5	2	0	16	8	12	14	10	3	1	31	14	23
AUSTRAL	6	0	1	29	13	12	3	1	3	12	13	7	14	9	1	4	41	26	19
AWABA	4	2	1	22	12	10	4	0	3	21	21	8	14	8	2	4	43	33	18
ADAMSTOWN	6	0	1	22	15	12	2	2	3	16	18	6	14	8	2	4	38	33	18
WALLSEND	6	0	1	30	9	12	1	2	4	14	23	4	14	7	2	5	44	32	16
CARDIFF	3	1	3	15	12	7	2	0	5	15	25	4	14	5	1	8	30	37	11
WEST WALLSEND	3	0	4	18	21	6	2	1	4	15	18	5	14	5	1	8	33	39	11
MAYFIELD	2	3	2	16	17	7	1	0	6	10	19	2	14	3	3	8	26	36	9
MAITLAND	2	0	5	4	17	4	1	2	4	13	21	4	14	3	2	9	17	38	8
CESSNOCK	1	3	3	13	17	5	1	0	6	7	18	2	14	2	3	9	20	35	7
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>140</b>

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## SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WESTON	14	14	0	0	64	15	28
PAN HELLENIC	14	11	1	2	52	18	23
BELMONT-SWAN	14	8	2	4	43	24	18
DUDLEY-RED	14	8	2	4	40	36	18
YOUNG WALL	14	5	4	5	25	33	14
JESMOND	14	5	3	6	29	29	13
KEARSLEY	14	4	1	9	24	33	9
SLAVIA UTD.	14	3	3	8	17	33	9
CHARLESTOWN	14	2	2	10	18	50	6
MEREWETHER	14	0	2	12	20	61	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>140</b>

## SECOND DIVISION—RESERVE GRADE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
BELMONT-SWAN	14	12	1	1	59	13	25
WESTON	14	11	1	2	60	17	23
CHARLESTOWN	14	8	2	4	35	28	18
DUDLEY-RED	14	8	1	5	42	23	17
YOUNG WALL	14	7	2	5	29	27	16
JESMOND	14	5	1	8	30	34	11
PAN HELLENIC	14	4	2	8	24	36	10
SLAVIA UTD.	14	4	2	8	22	38	10
KEARSLEY	14	2	4	8	18	39	8
MEREWETHER	14	1	0	13	7	71	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>140</b>

## THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
HAM. AZZURI	15	12	2	1	44	12	26
BELLBIRD	15	12	1	2	61	21	25
STH. WALLSEND	15	11	1	3	45	28	23
TOR. DIGGERS	15	10	1	4	35	21	21
MACQ. WANDERERS	15	9	3	3	69	24	21
NELSON BAY	15	9	2	4	56	26	20
BARNESLEY	15	8	1	6	53	39	17
N'CLE TECH.	15	5	2	8	24	51	12
THE ENTRANCE	15	3	1	11	24	75	7
STOCKTON	15	3	0	12	22	81	6
TEACHERS' COLL.	15	1	0	14	21	76	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>180</b>

Because of the bye each weekend in the Third Division premiership, the points score table cannot balance in relation to matches won, drawn and lost.

## FIRST DIVISION MATCHES AND TEAMS

SATURDAY, JULY 25  
MAYFIELD V. CARDIFF

Green with White	Tangerine with White
1. C. JACK	1. G. TAYLOR
2. A. WEST	2. A. HOWE
3. R. JACKSON	3. J. McNAIRN
4. W. SHEEHAN	4. J. O'BRIEN
5. R. BOSLEM	5. T. ICETON
6. R. HUMPHRIS	6. C. MOORE
7. K. McGUINNESS	7. M. BLACK
8. B. LEWSAM	8. A. REID
9. W. HUMPHRIS	9. D. SCHIO
10. A. SKELLEY	10. R. NEAL
11. K. ROSS	11. J. SNEDDON
Referee: F. Myles.	Linesmen: C. Jack, W. Gardiner.

SUNDAY, JULY 26  
CESSNOCK V. WALLSEND

Gold with Black	Red with White
1. J. HOGG	1. A. HOURIGAN
2. J. JARVIE	2. D. BULLEN
3. K. ROWBOTTOM	3. K. NOLAN
4. C. BARR	4. I. NOY
5. C. ALMOND	5. D. MORROW
6. J. BARR	6. G. GREEN
7. W. THOMPSON	7. B. MORROW
8. J. LENNARD	8. W. DAVIES
9. C. WILLIAMS	9. K. WHITMORE
10. T. SNEDDON	10. P. O'BRIEN
11. K. DUNCAN	11. N. PRINGLE
Ref.: R. Roth.	L'men.: W. Turner, L. Mottershead.

## LAKE MACQUARIE V. AWABA

White with Blue & Gold	Blue with Gold Stripes
1. K. GABRIEL	1. J. SMITH
2. J. HITCHCOCK	2. R. HITCHCOCK
3. E. McGRATH	3. W. FIELD
4. J. WOODS	4. R. REYNOLDS
5. J. WELLHAM	5. J. PRETSWELL
6. L. WALSH	6. L. SHARP
7. J. BOARDMAN	7. G. PINCHES
8. W. WRIGHT	8. D. FIELD
9. T. PAJKOVIC	9. R. BURGOYNE
10. G. HINCHCLIFFE	10. H. GOODSIR
11. J. DOYLE	11. B. SHARP
Referee: G. Muir.	Linesmen: A. Brown, J. Carlin.

## MAITLAND V. WEST WALLSEND

White with Black	Blue with White
1. F. WOOD	1. W. ARMSTRONG
2. J. SNAITH	2. R. COOPER
3. S. ELLENBACHER	3. A. WILSON
4. J. MEIER	4. R. HUGHES
5. H. SCHNEIDER	5. B. PEARCE
6. M. PARKER	6. K. WOODS
7. K. MIRISCH	7. M. DURKIN
8. K. SIMON	8. K. IRWIN
9. W. SIMPSON	9. D. AHRENS
10. I. THOMSON	10. T. YEATS
11. F. RAUCH	11. J. SHEEN
Referee: K. Urwin.	Linesmen: H. Hall, T. Ayre.

## NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL V. ADAMSTOWN

Mauve with White	White with Red & Green
1. J. LANZONI	1. J. DORMAN
2. E. SOKOLOWSKI	2. B. DAYKIN
3. R. DEAN	3. R. PARKES
4. J. DOOLAN	4. J. McINALLY
5. R. McKENZIE	5. R. CAMERON
6. R. LLOYD	6. J. POWER
7. K. TWIDLE	7. R. DOBBINS
8. W. BARON	8. R. BAARTZ
9. T. GARRETT	9. R. HOWELLS
10. W. HARVEY	10. W. COOK
11. W. PATON	11. D. JOHNS
Referee: W. Jones.	Linesmen: C. Jack, A. Roberts.



## JOHN WELLHAM HOLDS LEAD IN S.M.H. BEST AND FAIREST

John Wellham, of Lake Macquarie Club's First Division premiership side, has been remarkably consistent this season and well deserves his continued lead in the "Sydney Morning Herald" Best and Fairest competition.

He has a lead of three points from Ron Giles

## Bill McBride

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## News from Gunnedah . .

have a seven goal lead over Moree in the Acropolis Cup. With one match to play in Gunnedah, the Cup should come home again.

grateful that Curlewis only just beat them, in fact just scraped home by 20 to nil.



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Moree were unfortunate when their goalkeeper was injured last Sunday at Moree as they were holding the Gunnedah side at the time, but with a replacement goalkeeper, Moree team just didn't combine as well and Gunnedah won 7-0.

George, the son and heir of Acropolis Cup co-donor, Peter Venardos, is, as his father says, "not built for speed", but he has one of the most correct throws it is possible for an eight year old to have. George, who plays as a wing half for Ajax under 8, takes most of the throw-ins on either side of the field. This has a lot to do with Ajax leading with 23 points, with their closest rival, Liverpool Plains United on 10. They have scored 38 goals and conceded only one. The determined attacking forwards keep their opposition busy also.

Wolseley Independents suffered their first defeat in Under 12 on Saturday. They also had the first goal of the season scored against them in local competition, when the determined little Breeza boys won 1-0.

Under 12 is a keen battle for minor premiership honors. Wolseley Independents and Curlewis are on 18, and Breeza is on 16 points. Four more matches remain before the semi-finals, so it is still anybody's guess yet.

For some reason the Police Boys Under 16 are not skiting about last Saturday's match. They should be

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## Letter to the Editor . . .

Dear Sir,

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Yours sincerely,

JACK URGUHART,  
GUNNEDAH

## DEATHS OF FOUR SOCCER ENTHUSIASTS

Soccer has been dealt some heavy blows in the last fortnight by the deaths of four enthusiasts who helped write some of the pages of the game's history.

Bill ("Podge") Maunder and Jack Whitelaw were great players in their day while Alan Boyd was an official who gave his club great service. Now, last week, comes the announcement of the death of Mr. Harry Winley, well-known in the game for many a long day.

Mr. Winley was, at one time, a top referee and controlled some of the most important matches played in the North. His main interest in the game was bound up in the Adamstown Club. He had great abilities as an organiser and his drive and energies had much to do with the birth of the Adamstown Rosebuds Social Welfare Club, of which he was one of the early secretaries.

He never lost his interest in the code and was present at the Crystal Palace ground last Sunday week to watch Adamstown and Wallsend play.

Mr. Winley had many interests. His great work had much to do with the Adamstown Bowling Club being formed and he was its first secretary — and had to battle hard in the depression years to keep the club afloat. But he did, and now the club is one of the most flourishing in the North — and thought so

highly of Mr. Winley's efforts that it made him a life member. He was also keenly interested, among other things, in the Gallipoli Legion of Anzacs in Hamilton and the T.P.I. Association.

Soccer has not so many thick-and-thin enthusiasts that it can afford to lose even one of them, particularly when they have worked so hard and so long for the code as did the four gentlemen who have passed on and who will be so greatly missed.

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## SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

Four matches remain to be played in the Second Division and with a lead of five points and although they have possibly two hard games in those four, Weston must be recognised as the 1964 premiers. Pan Hellenic would appear to be a semi-finalist and the remaining two could come from Belmont-Swansea, Dudley-Redhead, Young Wallsend or Jesmond.

On Saturday, Merewether is at home to Kearsley and after the display of Kearsley last week against Charlestown, could give Merewether an opportunity of scoring their first win of the season. If Merewether did win this match it would put them within two points of Charlestown whom Merewether meets next weekend and that match could determine the team to be relegated next season.

On Sunday, one of the most attractive fixtures would appear to be at Dudley-Redhead when the local team will be opposed to premierships leaders, Weston,

and whilst Weston is expected to win, both teams play good football and Dudley-Redhead can be relied upon to fully extend the visitors.

Jesmond will be at home to Charlestown and a win at this stage would help Jesmond to improve their outside chance to a semi-final berth.

Belmont-Swansea journey to Young Wallsend and the home team will fully test Belmont-Swansea who, however, should prove a little too strong for Young Wallsend.

Pan Hellenic will meet Slavia United and here we should see a good exhibition of carpet football with Pan Hellenic proving too strong for Slavia.

The Third Division have one match on Saturday, when Hamilton Azzuri will play Nelson Bay and this should prove a very interesting match, although six points separate the two teams. Nelson Bay have scored 12 more goals than Azzuri, but have conceded

14 more goals, so that it should develop into a strong forward line against a strong defence and a weaker forward line against a weaker defence, but a defeat to Azzuri could mean the loss of the premiership lead.

On Sunday, Teachers' College meet The Entrance and the visitors, provided they have a full team, should win a close game.

Barnsley will be at home to Toronto Diggers and here we have a match, the result of which could go either way. Barnsley disappointed last week when they went down to Macquarie Wanderers and it is sure that some straight talking has been done this week, but on paper it would appear that Toronto Diggers will prove a little too good.

The outstanding match should be South Wallsend v. Bellbird, as only two points separate the two teams. Bellbird has by far the better goal average, but South Wallsend have been winning fairly consistently and will be all out to main-

tain that run. Bellbird at the same time require the win to keep them within striking distance of the premiership leaders, Hamilton Azzuri and this incentive should be sufficient to give them a slight edge on South Wallsend.

The remaining fixture will be played at Stockton, when the home team will be opposed to Newcastle Tech. and this should result in a win to Newcastle Tech.

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### TRAGEDY IF CESSNOCK WERE TO FOLD UP

There has been no official statement — indeed, there could not be, in the circumstances — but rumour is rife in Soccer circles that if Cessnock loses its place in the Northern Soccer League First Division premiership, the club will fold up.

Cessnock is now in last place on the points score table and, with only three matches to play, will be lucky to save itself from finishing in last place.

There is no Soccer follower in the North with the interest of the game at heart who would not hope that rumour is once more a fickle jade.

It will be bad enough if Cessnock has to stand down from the First Division for even one season, but that's all in the rub of the game and by no means the end

of everything, as Weston is so valiantly proving. But it would be a Northern Soccer tragedy if Cessnock one of the most noted clubs in the game for so long, were to go out of existence. The game in the North would hardly seem the same without the black and golds.

Other teams have dropped down the list and, no doubt, all will have their run of adversity over the years. Mayfield United had to win its way back from the Second Division and now Weston, after a long absence from the top grade seems certain to return to the First Division. There is no doubt Cessnock would emulate those clubs and come up bright and smiling once more.

One hopes to hear from the hard-working, enthus-

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